Hellman Fellows Program Endows $125 Million Fellowship in U. of California System (Grants Roundup)

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Here are notable new grant awards compiled by the Chronicle:

**Hellman Fellows Program**

$125 million to the University of California to endow research fellowships for outstanding early-career faculty members on all 10 campuses in the university system.

**Open Society Foundations**

$100 million over 10 years to Bard College to support and expand its higher-education programs in the United States and around the world through the Center for Civic Engagement. Bard College is a member of the Open Society University Network.

**Community Foundation of Greater Memphis**

$40 million to LeMoyne–Owen College, a historically black college in Memphis. The grant is unrestricted.

**Citi and the Citi Foundation**
$35 million commitment to additional Covid-19 grant making, adding to the previously announced $65 million in grants and charitable contributions to address the pandemic. The new grants will focus on ongoing relief and support for longer-term economic recovery, particularly in communities of color in the United States, by expanding the bank’s support for nonprofit community-development financial institutions.

**Akonadi Foundation**

$12.5 million over five years to All in for Oakland, a program that aims to change public policy in how the criminal-justice system treats Black youths and other young people of color in Oakland.

**Avalon Fund**

$12.5 million to Tulane University to create the Center for Brain Health, which will specialize in the treatment of traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder in U.S. military veterans.

**American Express**

$10 million to create a grant program that will support Black-owned small businesses in the United States as they recover from the pandemic’s economic fallout.

**Richard King Mellon Foundation**

$10 million in additional grant making for Covid-19 recovery and prevention strategies. Adding onto its prior commitment of $15 million, this newest round of funding will focus on economic recovery, including a new effort to help the colleges and universities in the Pittsburgh region reopen safely in the fall.

**Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**

$7.3 million to nonprofit groups in Flint, Mich. The latest grants include $3.7 million to the Genesee Area Focus Fund to provide after-school programs in all Flint public schools, $3.3 million to the Crim Fitness Foundation to support community education in the Flint Community Schools District, and $500,000 to the Cranbrook Educational Community to provide Flint students in kindergarten through 12th grade with supplemental educational opportunities in STEM.

**Sobrato Family Foundation**

$6 million to Unicef for a program, in partnership with Conceptos Plásticos, to transform plastic waste into construction materials that will build classrooms for children in Africa’s Côte d’Ivoire.

**Ascendium Education Group, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Kresge Foundation**
$5.3 million to Strong Start to Finish for research, program expansion, and scaling education reforms at 96 universities and 277 community colleges in 12 states.

**Rosalie and Harold Rae Brown Charitable Foundation**

$5 million to the University of Southern California to create and endow the Rosalie and Harold Rae Brown Center for Cancer Drug Discovery within the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. Harold Brown graduated from the university with a bachelor’s degree in 1959.

**Synchrony and the Synchrony Foundation**

$5 million to support social justice and combat racism, including $1 million shared among the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the National Urban League, and the Equal Justice Initiative.

**Google.org**

$2.9 million to a variety of local organizations around the world that serve LGBTQ+ people of color, trans and nonbinary communities, and LGBTQ+ families. Among the grantees is the Marsha P. Johnson Institute, which received a $500,000 grant to back its Covid-19 relief efforts for Black trans women.

**Arnold Ventures**

$2.7 million to the University of California at Irvine for a three-year research project that will study the sources and consequences of prison violence in seven states.

**John S. and James L. Knight Foundation**

$1.7 million in 20 grants to study the impact technology is having on democracy and to develop solutions for policy makers and tech companies. The grantees include Howard University, the Heritage Foundation, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, and the Nebraska Governance and Technology Center at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

**Vertex**

$1.5 million over three years to Boston University for its new Center for Antiracist Research, which is led by the author and professor Ibram X. Kendi.

**Ploughshares Fund**

$1.1 million to 15 organizations that are working to reduce nuclear threats and prevent conflict in regions where nuclear weapons exist.

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